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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN INTENTIONS TOWARD CHILE AND ECUADOR

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 310852, (B) STATE 313214,
(C) LIMA 11618, (D) CARACAS 14834, (E) SANTIAGO 12205

1. YOUR REPORTING, COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE
BEEN HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING THIS CONFUSED SITUATION AND
IN IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE COURSES OF U.S. ACTIONS. I
APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS.

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2. WE HAVE CONCLUDED, AS MOST OF YOU HAVE, THAT PERU
IS NOT AT THIS TIME CONTEMPLATING AN EARLY MILITARY
ADVENTURE AGAINST EITHER CHILE OR ECUADOR. (PERU'S
INTENTIONS OVER THE LONGER TERM ARE FAR LESS CLEAR.)

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES APPEAR TO SHARE THIS VIEW. AS POINTED OUT IN REF (D), ECUADOREAN CONCERNS - AND INTERNAL POLITICAL INTERESTS - MAY HAVE SET OFF THE SERIES OF EVENTS AND REACTIONS WHICH RESULTED IN THE WAR SCARE.

3. AT THE BASE OF REGIONAL WAR FEARS IS THE CONTINUING PERUVIAN MILITARY BUILDUP AND THE SOVIET ROLE IN THAT BUILDUP. DESPITE PERU'S ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY, ITS CHRONICALLY SUSPICIOUS NEIGHBORS ARE NOT ABOUT TO BE PERSUADED THAT PERU DOES NOT HARBOR AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. THIS WAR SCARE IN THE ANDES HAS NOW APPARENTLY SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT, BUT TENSION WILL INEVITABLY RISE AGAIN (REF. B) IF THE BUILDUP CONTINUES.

4. WE GAVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PUBLIC STATEMENT AND/OR DEMARCHE TO THE GOP BY THE USG. NEITHER IN OUR JUDGMENT WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME. GIVEN PERUVIAN SUSPICIONS OF US AND INCIPIENT PARANOIA ABOUT "ENRICHMENT," WE WOULD ONLY RISK SETTING OFF ANOTHER ROUND OF UNNECESSARY EXCITEMENT. IN THAT REGARD, I HOPE YOU WILL EMPHASIZE TO ALL YOUR PEOPLE THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO AVOID LEAVING THEIR LOCAL INTERLOCUTORS WITH THE KINDS OF MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT OUR VIEW OF THE PROBABILITIES FOR CONFLICT THAT SOME SEEM TO HAVE LEFT WITH THEIR CHILEAN CONTACTS.

5. WHAT WE NEED TO DO NOW IS TO THINK ABOUT STRATEGY FOR THE LONGER TERM. DAVE POPPER HAS GIVEN US HIS THOUGHTS ON THAT SUBJECT (REF. E). I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER REACTIONS AND COMMENTS THE REST OF YOU
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